

PLOT SUMMARY

- Act I – Shakespeare establishes an on-going feud between two families, the Montagues and Capulets.
- Juliet's father decides that even though Juliet is only 13 it is time to find her a husband.
- Romeo (a Montague) and Juliet (A Capulet) meet and fall in love.

- Act II – One of the Capulets challenges Romeo to a duel. Romeo's friends fear for his safety.
- Friar Laurence conspires with Romeo to arrange a secret marriage.
- By the end of Act II, Romeo and Juliet are married.

- Act III – The duel between Romeo and Tybalt takes place after all, and Romeo kills Tybalt.
- The Prince spares Romeo's life, but banishes him from Verona.
- Juliet's father announces that she shall wed Paris in 3 days.
- Juliet makes plans to seek the advice of Friar Laurence where unbeknownst to her Romeo is hiding.



- Act IV -- Juliet threatens to commit suicide rather than marry Paris.
- Friar Laurence convinces her to fake her death in order to be with Romeo.
- Juliet follows the Friar's plan, and her corpse-like body is discovered by her nurse.

- Act V – Romeo receives word that Juliet is dead.
- He buys a fast-acting poison and travels to Juliet's tomb so that he may die beside her.
- Paris is also at the tomb. He and Romeo fight, and Paris is killed.
- Romeo drinks the poison. Juliet awakens and stabs herself to death with Romeo's dagger.
- The feuding families end their feud and erect golden statues to the lovers.